

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018
5:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on May 29, 2018. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Patty Norgaard, Gary Heacox, Dave Schrupp, and Brad Nelson. Dave Nevin was absent. Also present were City Administrator/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Police Chief Erik Lee, Public Works Director Ted Strand, and Northland Press Reporter Bill Monroe.

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Chief Lee reported how call volume and types of calls have changed since 1993, which was the first year of record management. In 1993 the Police Department had 1,073 calls, compared to 2,956 calls in 2017. The Chief noted that the building has not grown or changed in that time and suggested that the Council follow through with the 2009 City Facilities Assessment Study. Important components of a bigger facility would include keeping the fire department, police department and administration offices under the same roof, interview/interrogation rooms, evidence room, locker room, command center/training room, secure access, and more parking stalls. Gary Heacox asked how much more room was needed. Chief Lee replied that he has not calculated square footage. Brad Nelson asked if the police department would need a sixth officer. Chief Lee stated that he would like a sixth full-time officer by May 2019, which will allow an officer to be in the school, more time to conduct investigations, crack down on drugs, and respond to more calls as the population increases.

Chief Lohmiller gave a brief history of the current building, which began as the fire department. Today his department needs a shower room, storage, day room and more parking stalls. The Chief would like permission to meet with 5 Bugles Design, a municipal building architect.

Ted Strand stated that mold has been found in many areas of the current building, that the building was not designed well or efficiently, and that there is no safety for staff. Chief Lohmiller added that there is no safe place to go, nor a command center, if there were a disaster.

Mayor Norgaard stated that Paul Hiniker, owner of property next to City Hall which is currently leased by the school, asked if the City would be interested in buying the land after the school moves. Brad Nelson stated that land investment is always important. It was the consensus of the Council that Chief Lohmiller obtain proposals from architects to assist in planning.

Ted Strand stated that the Public Works Department would like to add a plow truck and a fifth full-time employee in the near future. A brief discussion ensued regarding the agreement with Crow Wing County for the joint facility building.

There being no further business at 6:45 P.M., Mayor Norgaard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk